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SUBJECT: FRG PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLY GROUP IN MTN

1. WE WERE APPROACHED YESTERAY BE GERMAN MTN DELEGATION (LUTZ) REGARDING U.S. REACTION TO POSSIBLE EC PROPOSAL AT UPCOMING TNC MEETING THAT MTN PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO SET UP A TNC GROUP ON SUPPLY AND EXPORT RESTRICTION ISSUES. LUTZ INDICATED THAT FRG REP HAD RAISED THIS IDEA AT EC 113 COMMITTEE MEETING LAST WEEK BUT HAD GOTTEN LITTLE OR NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES. GERMAN VIEW WAS THAT TNC MIGHT AGREE ON SUPPLY GROUP WITHOUT FIXING INITIAL MEETING DATE, PENDING COMPLETION OF CURRENT WORK IN OECD AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF UNCTAD ACTIVITIES. HE SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED WHETHER IF EC MADE THIS PROPOSAL AT TNC,

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USG WOULD SUPPORT.

2. WE INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO FINAL VIEW ON DESIRABILITY OF SEPARATE SUPPLY GROUP AND SAW SOME BENEFIT IN FACILITATING TREATMENT OF SUPPLY ISSUES IN SEVERAL EXISTING TNC GROUPS WHERE THIS COULD BE DONE IN COURSE OF WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY (E.G. SECTORS, TROPICAL PRODUCTS, AGRICULTURE OR POSSIBLY NTM'S OR SAFEGUARDS). AT SAME TIME, QUESTION OF BROAD GATT RULES ON ACCESS TO SUPPLIES, RESORT TO EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, AND RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS OVER SAME MIGHT BE ONE LOGICAL TOPIC FOR A TNC GROUP ON IMPROVEMENT OF TRADING FRAMEWORK, IF ONE WERE TO BE ESTABLISHED. WE WONDERED WHETHER MEMBER STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON INITIATIVE DESCRIBED BY LUTZ. WE OFFERED VIEW THAT PROPOSAL, WHILE LIKELY OBJECTIONABLE IN ANY CASE TO CANADA, SEVERAL LDC'S, AND POSSIBLY AUSTRALIA, MIGHT BE LESS SO IF PRESENTED AS BROADER THAN SINGLE EC CONCERN WITH DISCIPLINING PRODUCER USE OF EXPORT RESTRICTIONS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON:
(A) CURRENT U.S. INTENTIONS IN THIS AREA AT TNC AND
(B) LIKELY U.S. REACTION IF EC WERE TO MAKE PROPOSAL.

4. FOR USEC AND BONN: WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION IF AVAILABLE OF REPORTED GERMAN INITIATIVE AT 113 COMMITTEE. HARTZELL

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